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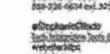
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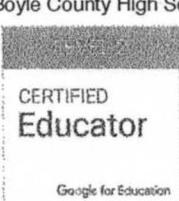
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Good Afternoon,

After meeting with Stephen Dexter this morning, I have responded to all the questions and summarized his responses. If you think I've missed something, Steve, chime in.

Senate Bill 150 Guidance via Board Attorney
SB 150 Questions & Clarifications

At this point, here are the steps to follow for "due diligence" and to comply with the law:

1. Pull any items that are in opposition to SB 150 or SB 5 based on the guidance from our board attorney.
2. After you pull them, "mark or track as weeded" in Destiny for your records and ours.
3. If you have questions, reach out to us or your Principal.
4. We have a reconsideration policy in the board policy manual. If a parent feels like there is an issue with an item, they can complete the form and submit it to the Principal for review.

I know this will be tedious, and I suggest prioritizing this work first, before completing your inventory in Destiny for your extended days.

As always, let me know if you have questions.

Happy Wednesday!
Stephanie





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Two appointments made to the
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Columns



**Congratulations to the
Class of 2023**

May is always one of the busiest times of the year in education, as we wind up another school year and celebrate another class of seniors. This month, I wanted to write a column aimed at this year's graduating class.

Greetings, Class of 2023! Let me first say congratulations. I know that some of your high school experience was spent in the shadow of the COVID

Gov. Beshear appoints two new members to the Kentucky Board of Education

Gov. Andy Beshear appointed Julie Pile and Diana Woods to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) on May 30.

Pile, of Florence, will serve as an at-large member. She replaces Alvis Johnson, whose term has expired. Pile's term will expire April 14, 2026.

Pile's dedication to K-12 education began more than 13 years ago when her daughter's parent-teacher association (PTA) needed help with its website.

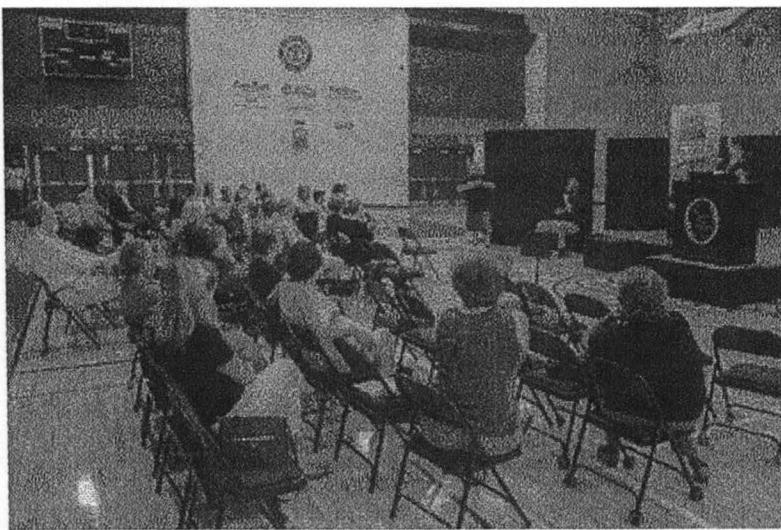
Now a well-known family advocate both locally and

nationally, Pile has served in various volunteer and leadership positions with schools in northern Kentucky, including as local PTA president. She currently serves as the co-founder and president of ParentCamp, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to family-school engagement. In addition, she is a member of the [Kentucky United We Learn Council](#).

Woods, of Lexington, is a retired superintendent. She also will serve as an at-large representative. She replaces Claire Batt, whose term has expired. Woods' term will expire April 14, 2026.

Woods is a native of Harrison County and a lifelong educator. She was a teacher, principal and director of middle schools in Fayette County, and then became superintendent of Campbellsville Independent. In retirement, she has worked as a consultant with the Kentucky Center for School Safety and is a clinical educator at Georgetown College.

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KDE receives community input on principal search at Kentucky School for the Deaf

Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) supporters got the chance to express their opinions on the search for a new principal during a series of forums in May.

"In the shadow of the COVID pandemic. And you have also worked very hard to recover from that experience and graduate in spite of it. While all of this helped you develop a sense of independence beyond your years, I know it was not easy, yet you persisted.

As you enter the next chapter of your life, remember the invaluable lessons you have learned throughout your school career. Cherish the memories, the friendships and the experiences that have shaped you into the remarkable individuals you are today.

High school has provided a solid foundation, equipping you with knowledge, critical thinking skills and a thirst for learning. Embrace this foundation and let it be a springboard for all your future endeavors, whether you pursue higher education, enter the workforce or embark on a different path altogether.

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2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year: Eminence Independent, the land

new principal during a series of forums in May.

The two forums – one virtual forum on May 24 and one in-person forum on May 31 – served as opportunities for stakeholders in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities to inform the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and help the hiring committee make critical and informed decisions throughout the process.

More than 100 people participated in the two forums.

Among the priorities for a new principal, several Deaf and Hard of Hearing community members expressed a desire to have a principal that is fluent in American Sign Language.

"I think the challenge will be if they don't sign, the faculty, staff and students are going to be guided by someone who can't communicate with us," said former KSD student Bethany Yance, who also stressed the importance of having a Deaf role model as principal. "We can do what anyone else can do, we can be what anyone else can be, and it's important to lead by example."

Former KSD student Jason Smith said he wants someone who is already embedded in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing education community so KSD can stay up to date.

"I value and cherish this school and the Deaf community so much. This is our place. This is our home," said Smith. "We need someone who knows how to run a school for the Deaf and is part of our community."

Current KSD Principal Toyah Robey is retiring on June 30 after six years with the school.

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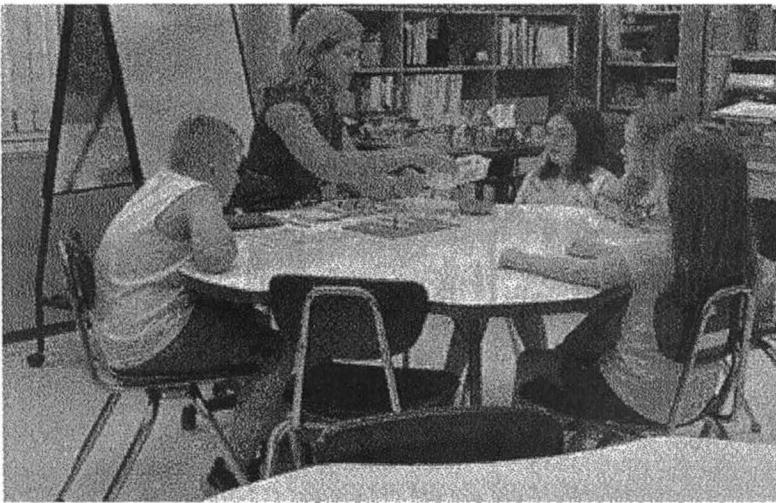
of learning, creation and innovation

As the 2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year, I was interested in the idea of evolving traditional libraries into innovative campus hubs for schools. Little did I know that several Kentucky schools already have this idea in place, including one school that was brought to my attention on more than one occasion. I was soon on my way to visit the Eminence Independent School District.

While the intention of my visit was to look at how this school transformed its library space, the school also captured my attention by how it had reimagined education. I cannot describe for you the sheer amount of joy I saw that day on students' faces.

I was immediately taken back by a book vending machine and arcade machine in the school's front office. Then, while waiting to meet Eminence Independent Superintendent Buddy Berry, I was in awe of everything happening in the EDhub center. I watched a class collaborating on what appeared to be robotic sets, attempting to connect all their individual pieces together into one large formation. They were intentional and focused.

Berry approached me, noticed my gaze, leaned in



ESSER-funded math intervention program makes learning fun for Whitley County elementary students

Math intervention might not seem like much fun for a 2nd-grader, but an innovative approach in Whitley County has students eager to attend class.

It was toward the end of the school day during the last week of school in mid-May when four 2nd-graders at Oak Grove Elementary School knocked on Keisha Wyatt's classroom door. The students had been attending the small-group math intervention class each day throughout the school year, and even though they had just been playing outside, they were happy to go back into the classroom.

Wyatt, the school's math interventionist, was prepared. A Monopoly-inspired math game was on the table, and each of the students picked a different, colorful board game piece. The game's objective was to get the students comfortable with numbers by adding and subtracting popsicle sticks, which represented the "money" in the game. Each square they landed on had different problems they had to solve.

"Putting [math] in a game setting changes everything," said Wyatt. "The kids love to come. They are boisterous with their answers and vocal, and I love that. I am trying my best to instill the love of math in each

and said, "Would you believe that they take the state test tomorrow and they don't even know it yet?" I looked over at him, a bit surprised, and replied, "There's positivity in that, sir. At least they won't be stressed." We both laughed. His next statement was powerful. He said, "We are not creating test takers here. We are creating future leaders and bosses."

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News



KBE SPOTLIGHT | Family engagement advocate Julie Pile joins the Kentucky Board of Education

When Julie Pile's daughter Sophia entered kindergarten, Pile wanted to be involved. Sophia's elementary school parent-teacher association was looking for help with its website and Pile knew she could lend her talents. That decision to help with the website has led to more than 13 years of family engagement advocacy.

student, while also teaching them different skills they will need to be successful in life."

Eden Freeman, 7, said she looks forward to coming to Wyatt's classroom.

"It's fun and it helps me be better in math," she said.

The help for these students came from Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. The money supports the safe and sustained return to in-person learning and expands equity by supporting students who need it, particularly those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Whitley County Superintendent John Siler said officials have been using the federal relief money in a variety of ways to benefit the district's 4,000 students, where roughly 70% qualify for free and reduced-price meals.

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KDE uses ESSER funds to award scholarships to 306 students with disabilities in 2023

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Office of Special Education and Early Learning used \$755,000 in

On May 30, Gov. Andy Beshear announced Pile as one of the newest members of the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE).

"It is an honor to be asked to be on the board," said Pile. "I've had experience on the local level and a lot of what we do on the local level is promulgated by the state level, so to be able to have a parent voice input at the state level is really important."

Pile has served in various volunteer and leadership positions with schools in northern Kentucky, including as local PTA president. She was a member of the Boone County Board of Education from January 2019 to December 2022 and served as the board's chair in 2022.

As one of the newest KBE members, Pile wants to lead with a spirit of cooperation and transparency. To her, education is the gateway for every child and adult to teach their hopes and dreams.

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More news

KDE Commissioner's Student Advisory Council begins discussing student voice project for 2023-24 year

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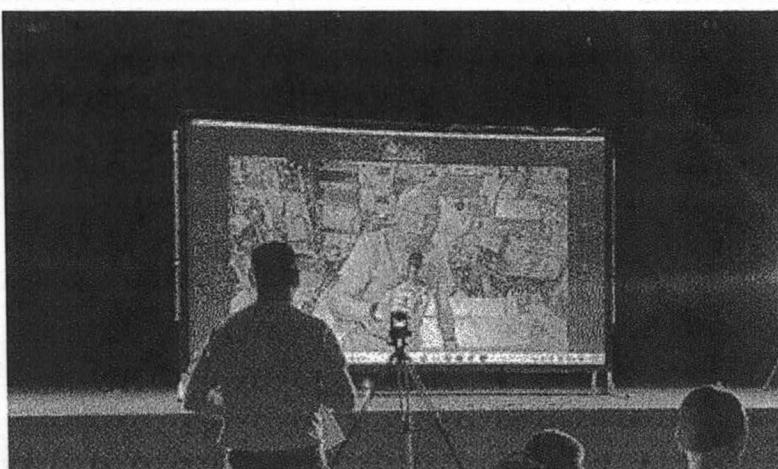
TaMyah Jones was one of the students from 116 school districts to receive a \$2,500 scholarship. She became vision impaired when she developed bilateral optic atrophy from a brain tumor when she was 6 years old.

Despite these challenges, being enrolled at the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) made it, "a little bit easier."

"All of these steps have helped to get me to the point where I am now," Jones said.

Because of her resilience, Jones' guidance counselor nominated her for the Powered by Inclusion scholarship program. She is one of two recipients from KSB to receive the scholarship this year.

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KDE asks School Counselors Advisory Council to provide feedback for SB 150 guidance document

Local Superintendents Advisory Council discusses next steps with Kentucky school accountability system

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KDE offering new sponsorship opportunities for Kentucky Teacher of the Year Program

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Registration open for 2023 National Teacher Leadership Conference in Louisville this July

Registration is now open for the Kentucky History Education Conference

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Kentucky Center for School Safety hosts conference in June

KET to host summer professional development event for educators

Registration opens for KASA Annual Leadership Institute



Bell County astronaut John Shoffner chats with Middlesboro Independent students from International Space Station

Middlesboro Independent School students had an astronomical opportunity on May 26 when astronaut John Shoffner talked with students via video call from the International Space Station (ISS).

Shoffner, a Bell County native, is a well-achieved business leader, racecar driver and more. He is currently serving as the pilot for Axiom Space's Ax-2 mission to the ISS on the SpaceX Dragon.

It's a role Shoffner said he has prepared his whole life to fulfill and he wanted to include students as part of this opportunity.

"Including Middlesboro in my journey to the ISS was an automatic requirement of mine," he said. "My role as an astronaut should be used to inspire a higher level of achievement for students."

While seated in the Central Arts Auditorium for their discussion, students' curiosities resulted in numerous questions. They asked about his daily tasks, sneezing and food quality in space and more.

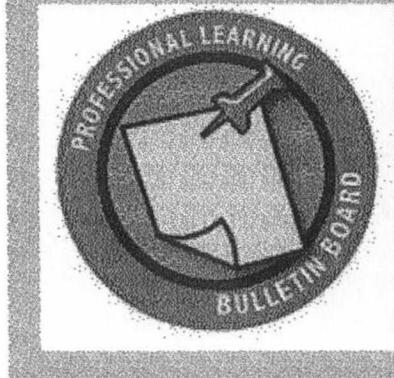
Jackson Womack, a rising 6th grader, asked if he got homesick. Shoffner said no because he brought Middlesboro along with him in many ways.

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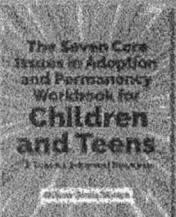
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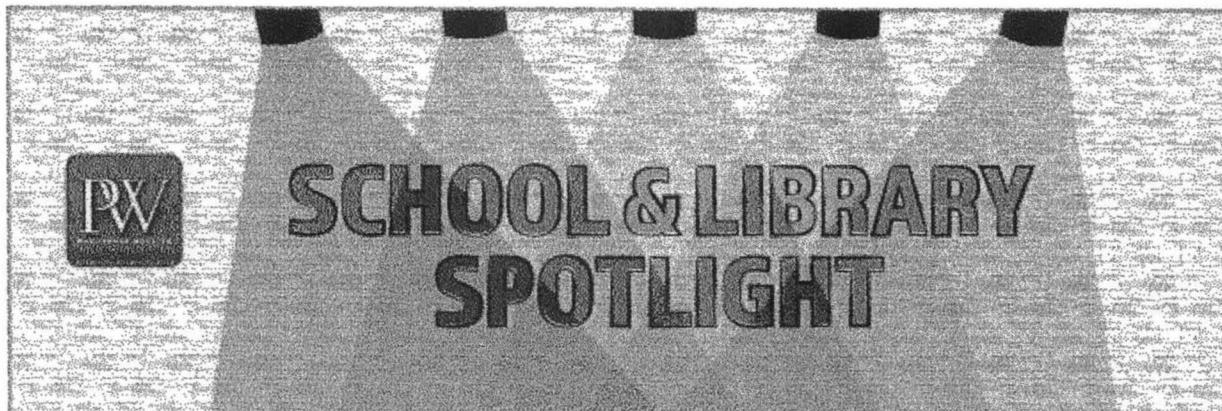


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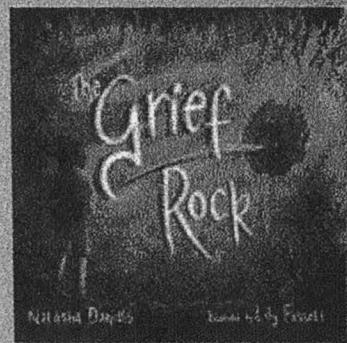
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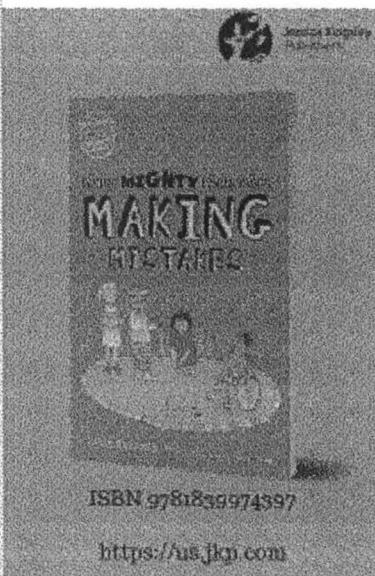


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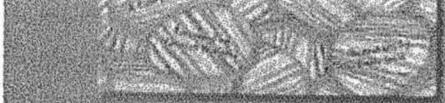
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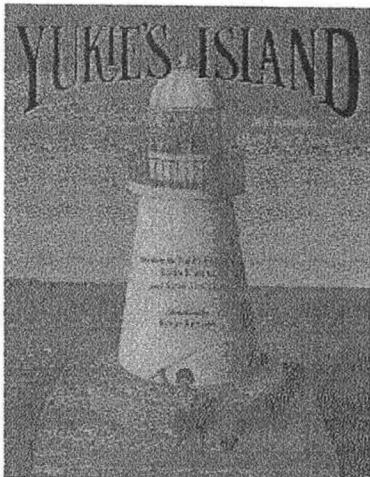
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